

WEST POINT UNIFORMS.

Cadets Must Sacrifice Comfort For the Sake of Looks.

"It is true," said a retired army officer in a discussion of West Pointers with the Washington Herald, "that many West Pointers acquire a figure of perfection of symmetry and a carriage the acme of manly grace, but these are due not to any ingenious appliances, but to the systematic drills and exercises that make the cadet, to a certain extent, an athlete. At the outset these young fellows are put through what are called the 'setting up' exercises, their object being to straighten the body and develop the chest. One might suppose that it would require a great amount of such exercise to make any marked showing, but three long hours of such exercise daily will soon produce beneficial results in the most stooped forms.

"The cadet uniform is also a great help in this direction. The dress coat is tight, very tight. The shoulders are heavily padded in order to give them a square effect. The chest is made thick, so that there will be no danger of wrinkling. And in size a new dress coat seems always to be designed for a boy several times smaller than the one who is to wear it. A new dress coat, in fact, is always a source of suffering to its owner. When he first puts it on it buttons readily about the neck, but seems to lack about six inches at the waist. The owner may squirm and wriggle and attempt to reduce his waist to a minimum circumference, but his maiden efforts are never sufficient to button the new dress coat. Experience is a great teacher, though, and the young fellow laughingly requests one or two of his friends to lend their assistance, and he finally succeeds in buttoning the coat. All this for the sake of looks. Comfort has no place in the makeup of a West Pointer; it's discipline and looks."

WATCHED OVER BY SATAN.

Superstitions That Twine About the Mandrake Plant.

The little plant the mandrake has a wealth of tradition centering round it such as is seldom found in floral lore. Quite an insignificant little plant with a spindle shaped root often divided into two or three forks and rudely resembling the human form, it is doubtless from this latter fact that it has derived its name. Langhorne in the latter part of the eighteenth century tells us to

Mark how the rooted mandrake wears His human feet, his human hands, while it was once believed that a person pulling up a mandrake would instantly fall dead. This was said to be because the mandrake had a human heart at its root and when pulled it would scream in such a fearsome manner as to terrify the hearer to death or else induce madness. Shakespeare alludes to this where he says:

And shrieks like mandrakes torn out of the earth, That living mortals, hearing them, run mad. And again in "King Henry VII," where Suffolk, asked by Queen Margaret whether he has not spirit to curse his enemies, replies:

Would curses kill, as doth the mandrake's groan. I would invent as bitter, searching terms As curs, as harsh, as horrible to hear. From time immemorial the mandrake has been associated with enchantments and has ever been believed to be one of the most powerful charms of witches. Mr. Conway in a paper on "Mystic Trees and Flowers" states that "by popular superstitions in some places it is said to be perpetually watched over by Satan, and if it be pulled up at certain holy times and with certain invocations the evil spirit will appear to do the bidding of the practitioner."—Westminster Review.

The Holland Primrose.

There is a plant in Holland known as the evening primrose, which grows to a height of five or six feet and bears a profusion of large yellow flowers so brilliant that they attract immediate attention, even at a great distance, but the chief peculiarity about the plant is the fact that the flowers, which open just before sunset, burst into bloom so suddenly that they give one the impression of some magical agency. A man who has seen this sudden blooming says it is just as if some one had touched the land with a wand and thus covered it all at once with a golden sheet.

A Reflection on the Horse.

"My husband," bragged Mrs. Jones, "was a famous long distance runner in his day. He once outran a horse in a twenty mile race."

"Isn't that funny?" answered Mrs. Smith. "We once had a horse like that."

Now Jones and Smith wonder why their wives don't speak.—Buffalo Express.

Father Did the Work.

"Why should you beg? You are young and strong."

"That is right, but my father is old and weak and can no longer support me."—Megendorfer Blatter.

Conceited.

Nell—Polly says her fiancé is awfully conceited. Belle—In what way? Nell—He has never once told her that he is unworthy of her.—Philadelphia Record.

A Philosopher.

"Pa, what is a philosopher?" "A philosopher, my boy, is one who tells other people that their troubles don't amount to much."—Detroit Free Press.

DARING WORK IN A FOG.

Clever Seamanship of a Captain in a Landlocked Harbor.

"The greatest piece of seamanship I ever saw," said a traveler, "was on a trip to Halifax. It was a marvel, and this is how it happened. "We were steaming along about twelve hours out from our destination one summer afternoon. It had been clear all day, and the sea was beautifully blue, but about 4 o'clock the fog began to shut down—one of those swift, dense fogs that come on that coast and shroud a boat from sight in less time than it takes to tell of it. Of course the fog whistles began to blow, and many of the passengers got nervous under the strain of its continued howling.

"After dinner I went up on the bridge and was permitted to stay. The captain would not enter into any conversation—that is, I could not talk to him, but in his restless pacing up and down the bridge he would frequently make a remark to me. It went on that way for hours, the fog as thick as steam and the whistle reiterating its mournful warning.

"At length the captain gave a sharp order. 'Two points, northwest by north,' he said. 'No, a little more—that's right,' he finished as his command was executed. I was bewildered, and my face must have shown it as he passed me, for he vouchsafed the explanation that he wanted to pass within a few hundred feet of a certain whistling buoy near the harbor. I said nothing, but I did not understand. Why, the night was so thick that it was hard work to see from the bridge to the rail, and what could he mean by making a buoy?"

"On and on we went, and always the fog seemed to me thicker. I could not sleep, and most of the night I was on the bridge. When it must have been nearly morning a new whistling began to sound on our starboard bow, as nearly as I could judge. It was a fearful fog siren, and kept getting nearer and nearer. We had stopped whistling, and the passengers were terribly frightened. I looked at one ex-navig officer who stood with me on the bridge, and his face was like a dead man's. Mine must have been also.

"Then, just as it seemed that some giant steamship must strike us, so close was the whistling, the fog lifted like a veil, and there, not 150 feet away, was the buoy that the captain had mentioned.

"Almost at once the fog closed down again; but, do you know, he took us past two wharves, into the landlocked harbor and up to the dock in it. It was magnificent, and though we really could not put our admiration in tangible form, we got together and gave him a gold watch on the return voyage as a little souvenir."—New York Post.

A Cumulative Persian Story.

A hunter finds some honey in the fissure of a rock, fills a jar with it and takes it to a grocer. While it is being weighed a drop falls to the ground and is swallowed up by the grocer's weasel. Thereupon the huntsman's dog rushes upon the weasel and kills it. The grocer throws a stone at the dog and kills him. The huntsman draws his sword and cuts off the grocer's arm, after which he is cut down by the infuriated mob of the bazaar. The governor of the town, informed of the fact, sends messengers to arrest the murderer. When the crowd resisted troops were dispatched to the scene of the conflict, whereupon the townspeople mixed themselves up in the riot, which lasted three days and three nights, with the result that 70,000 men were slain. All this through a drop of honey.

Early Landholding.

Nothing is clearer than the fact that the system of landholding in the most ancient races was communal. Private right in land was for a long time unknown, the source of life being held in common between the members of the tribe. Not only land, but all property that in any way had to do with the general welfare, was looked upon as belonging to the whole tribe in common, no individual having the right to call it his own. Gradually and after a very long time, under the old regime, the right of private ownership began to creep in until at last it became the recognized rule pretty nearly everywhere.—New York American.

The Front End.

A young couple had been married by a Quaker, and after the ceremony he remarked to the husband:

"Friend, thou art at the end of thy troubles."

A few weeks after the man came to the good minister boiling over with rage, having found his wife to be a regular vixen, and said:

"I thought you told me I was at the end of my troubles."

"So I did, friend, but I did not say which end," replied the Quaker.

Way It Goes.

"Give 'em what they want, my boy," said the old physician.

"For instance?" inquired the young medico.

"Well, many a woman will take oxygen treatment at \$5 a throw who wouldn't spend a far for fresh air."—Washington Herald.

Aids to Conversation.

"Books help a man's conversation." "Undoubtedly. But the man who buys them seldom gets to be as good a talker as the man who sold them to him."—Washington Star.

Reliance on the right is expressed by defiance of the wrong.

Well Behaved Children.

How pleasant it is to come across a nice, well-behaved child, in whatever station of life instead of a tire-some and spoiled one. But it often strikes me that those who bring up children are more responsible for their good or bad conduct than the children themselves says Every Woman's Magazine. I have often heard a lady of my acquaintance—one who has had great experience with children—remark: "I never allow any child of mine to be naughty, I keep them too well employed."

Yes children must be kept employed and also they must be taught to play and to amuse themselves in a way suitable to their age. Now how can this be done, and how can they be trained to be good? In dealing with any child endeavor to inspire it with confidence and faith in you personally. To do this successfully, the trumpet must give no uncertain sound. When you give an order, be quite clear in your own mind what you want it to do, and do not continually change your rules and plans.

A permissive "yes" must not be hastily revoked and equally a firm "no" must mean an unchangeable negative. If you tell a child that if it does such-and-such a thing again you will be seriously angry, and will have to inflict a punishment, you must keep your word. And equally when you promise a child a gift or treat, you must be scrupulously careful to grant what you have promised, and to let the little one enjoy it to the full.

Saved From the Grave.

"I had about given up hope, after nearly four years of suffering from a severe lung trouble," writes Mrs. M. L. Dix, of Clarksville, Tenn. "Of ten the pain in my chest would be almost unbearable and I could not do any work but Dr. King's New Discovery has made me well like a new person. Its best medicine made for the throat and lungs." Obsolete coughs, stubborn colds, hay fever, la grippe, asthma, croup, bronchitis and hemorrhages, hoarseness and whooping cough, yield quickly to this wonderful medicine. Try it. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

The Mighty Dollar.

Rev. Dr. R. S. McArthur of Cavalry Baptist Church said at a dinner in New York apropos of international marriages:

"Some of these marriages are from every point of view desirable. Some again, are—but a dialogue will illustrate my meaning.

"Oh, Helen," cried a girl worth \$18,000,000, do you think the duke is sincere?"

"Sincere? was the reply. Why, of course he's sincere he hasn't got a dollar to his name."

Dr. MacArthur paused.

On this he added

"A young marquis rushed upon his American fiancée and shouted bitterly.

"Cruel heartless girl. You swore you loved me and now I discovered that your father is a bankrupt."

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Sally's Question.

The worthy Sunday-school superintendent of a certain Maryland town is also the village dry goods merchant. He is as energetic and efficient in his religious as in his secular capacity. An amusing incident is told in Lippincott's of his attempt to enlarge the scriptural knowledge of a class of little girls.

He had told them most eloquently the lesson of the day, at the conclusion he looked about the room and inquired encouragingly:

Now has any one a question to ask?

Slowly and timidly one little girl raised her hand.

"What is the question Sally don't be afraid. Speak out."

The little girl fidgeted in her seat twisted her fingers nervously cast her eyes down; finally in a desperate outburst, she put the question.

"Mr. Ward, how much are those gloves for girls in your window?"

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

A Tip.

"Beautiful is not an adjective to be used to a masculine thing. To speak of a man having a soul is to accuse him of nasty habits.—From Intellectual Mansion, S. W.

It Saved Her Baby.

When people in our part of the country select a family physician they stick to him," and Dr. John Matthews of Illinois, who is visiting friends in Washington, to the Herald man. "If he goes away they won't call in somebody else if they can

possibly help it. They have faith in nobody but their own man so long as he manages to be fairly successful. Last spring I went up to Chicago for a few days, much to the distress of a young mother in our town who expects me to inspect her only baby every other day at least. The second day of my stay she telegraphed me to come home at once. Baby was sick—and told me the trouble—she didn't know what to do. It wasn't an urgent case, I know, so I wired back a reassuring message, told her to give the baby a dose of some medicine she had at hand and to fill out the ten words I put in Prognosis admirable. I always like to use large words when I'm telegraphing—makes me feel that I'm getting the worth of my money, you know. When I got home two days later I went to see the baby.

"She's all right now," the mother told me, "but we were awfully worried. We had to rely on the medicine you left, though. The boy at the drug store said they didn't have a bit of prognosis in the place."

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"Feel," said Mr. Beachey, laughing. "Why, I felt excited flustered. I felt just like my old Toledo friend. John Humphreys, at the time his first baby came."

"To Jack Humphreys, covered in his library, the doctor entered.

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"Glorious!" shouted Jack, hysterically. And am I a father or mother doc?"

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